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NEEDHAM'S FAILURE

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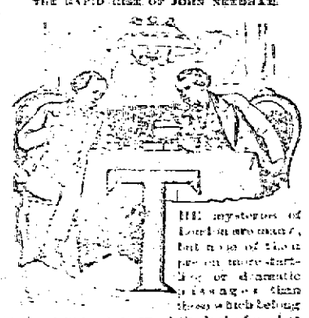
CHAPTER I.

THE RAPID RISE OF JOHN NEEDHAM.



THE mysteries of London are many, but none of them are more startling or dramatic than those which belong to the romance of the lucky finder of a fortune. The case of Mr. Needham, who, in the year of 1856, and at the age of forty-six, found himself suddenly left by the death of his father and brother in possession of a large fortune, and a seat in Parliament, is one of the most remarkable in the annals of the British Senate.

When John Needham's dead body was found in the Serpentine, and the reasons for his suicide were the most anxiously considered topics in the London drawing-rooms, clubs, and public-houses, it was not for the first time that mysterious speculation had arisen as to the causes of the sudden ruin of many a man of money who had been in the habit of making a show of wealth. Never, however, was there a case in which more sympathy was felt for the victim of misfortune than in that of John Needham, who, from the position of a rich man, and a prominent member of the House of Commons, had become, in the course of a few days, a bankrupt and a disgraced man.

The circumstances of his native borough of Leigh, of Mr. John Needham, emphasizing their reprobation with mixed terms and mild cant, had the effect of condemning the man in which Mr. Darrell Smith had sat with honor for twenty years, and the world.

He was charged him with bribery, and declared that the chief candidate, who carried off a host of judgments from Mr. Needham's rival party, was a good friend of the prime lord of the treasury. But the victor was innocent. It cared nothing for the opinion of the world, nor for their evil speaks.

Every Monday in London, when he returned to his own compartment, a lord of the treasury was met with all the influential representatives of what seemed to the outer world a great and brilliant future before him.

But how little the "outer world" knows of anything and everybody! It thinks it knows, and believes it knows, Mr. John Needham could have married the richest woman in the land, and had a seat in the Cabinet. Nobody could have stood in the way of his rapid progress to the highest offices of state, and supreme power, which was his ambition. He had every reason to think of the future of his country, and of his own necessary share in its future welfare, opposed to small considerations of private life. He was a member of parliament at the general election of 1852, and had been known by his friends as a rising man. His prospects must have been the theme of many a conversation at the dinner-tables of the Carlton and Reform clubs, and in the boxes of the opera, in which he was a constant visitor. Within a year of his coming to London he was chosen one of a small number of members of the House of Commons, who had been in the habit of dining with her majesty's ministers

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THE year 1885 was remarkable for the many deaths of notable men.

SENATOR CAMERON'S health has improved to such an extent that he has abandoned his proposed trip to Florida and will remain in Washington all winter.

HON. STEPHEN F. WILSON and Auditor General Niles of Tioga county, and Hon. E. H. Ingham of Sullivan county are each ambitious to fill the seat in the National House of Representatives now warmed by Hon. W. W. Brown of this county.

HON. M. F. ELLIOTT is mentioned as a possible candidate for governor on the democratic ticket this year. There is no disguising the fact that Mr. Elliott is a very popular man in this section of Pennsylvania, and if he should be unfortunate enough to be the democratic candidate for governor he would receive a good many votes outside of his party.

THE officials of the Susquehanna coal company have changed the line mined in regard to the search for the men buried in No. 1 slope at Nanticoke, and will commence the work of opening up the main gangway. Three extra shifts, each working eight hours are employed. They hope to reach the fatal spot inside of a month. The debris is being removed at the rate of 100 cars per day.

A WASHINGTON despatch to the Boston *Record*, tells the following about one of Senator Ransom's North Carolina appointees: Ransom was boasting to some friends that all of them are thoroughly in sympathy with the President's policy. "Yes," answered a Mr. Cutlerson, just from North Carolina, "I saw one of them the other day, a newly appointed internal revenue collector, who had discovered one of his citizens running an illegitimate still. He said to him: 'Now, Jim, I'm afraid I told me to say to you this is all right. Dand, as a favor to him, he would like you to move this still back a little further toward the mountains, where the smoke can not be seen from the road.'"

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY.

Our Washington correspondent, in his letter of last week, has this to say in reference to the democratic meddle on the silver question, and the attitude of the democratic leaders towards their president:

"As to holiday politics, I may say Senator Beck's attack upon the financial policy of the administration just before the Christmas recess has been more discussed than any other subject. The democratic friends of the standard silver dollar were unwilling to wait until after the holidays without taking issue with the president on the question. Senator Beck fired the first gun, significant of an impending battle that is likely to have a powerful influence over the fortunes of the administration and future of parties. The democratic party is badly divided on the silver question and there is no telling what the outcome may be. Representative Rogers, of Texas, a democrat of long service in the house, says he fears his party will go to pieces. Congress is expected to become involved in this contest soon after it reassembles.

"The democrats are badly in need of a leader in the Senate. Senator Beck was supposed to be the man but his last performance has bewildered his political brethren. Senator Voorhees is said to be skulking because he has not been given all the patronage he wants. Senator Harris, of Tennessee, cannot speak to the president on the silver question because he comes from that part of the country favorable to silver. In their dilemma Senator Vest has come to the front as the man best fitted to be the mouthpiece of the administration. He has been considered something of an orator by the democrats, and he is perhaps, the best impromptu talker on their side of the chamber. He has little to show, however, against such an army of talent as may be found on the republican side of the aisle, where such men as Logan, Edmunds, Sherman, Hoar, Ingalls, Frye, Evarts, Teller, Hawley, Brown, Allison, Morrill and others.

"It is a significant fact that democratic senators are fighting their president, when congress is yet only two weeks old. Senator Smith of Louisiana declared against him long ago, as will be remembered, and others are waiting to oppose some of his nominations in secret session.

GOV. HOADLEY of Ohio lost a good many votes last fall because of his pronounced anti-prohibition sentiments on the stump. In his late and last message to the people of the state as governor, he adheres to his position taken during the campaign. The following is an extract from his message on that subject:

Believing prohibition to be an unwarrantable invasion of natural rights, beyond the proper domain of legislation likely to be successful if tried, but injurious in the destruction of many harmful in the destruction of many instances, effective upon drinking, but lax, effective upon drinking, but lax, encouraging but in suppression—only causing secrecy and an increase. I have no hesitation in opposing prohibition, whether attempted by law, constitutional amendment or local option. Where the sale is conducted under proper restraints it is not an evil, and is entitled to the protection of the law."

NOT PAY ENOUGH IN IT.

Ex-Senator Buckalew declines the position of Supreme Court reporter, on the ground that the pay is not adequate for the work performed. Hon. Leonard Ammerman of Scranton, has been appointed and accepted. In his letter of declination Mr. Buckalew refers to the delay in getting out the reports owing to the present system, and the great expense that must be met by the reporter. He suggests that nothing short of an act of assembly, which shall provide for aids to the reporter and for some expenses not provided for in the act of 1878, will obviate the difficulty. Mr. Buckalew submits a draft of an act which he thinks will meet the demands of the case. It provides for the cost of obtaining typewriting of opinions and necessary [illegible] shall be

MORGAN B. WISE, of Fayette Co., this state, was recently appointed by the President as Asst. Surveyor General of Arizona. This man Wise was formerly a member of the legislature, and while serving in that capacity won an exceedingly unsavory reputation. His true character could not have been made known to the President, or he would have fared otherwise than receiving an appointment of trust and responsibility.

THE NEW YEAR.

A New Year means a new world. The progress in arts and sciences has become so rapid, the power of man over the forces of nature so swiftly enlarges, that the world in which we lived when 1885 was new is not that upon which we open our eyes to-day. Pittsburgh is no longer the city of smoke, for example. Natural gas feeds the fires of a stronger and more hopeful industry than the old Pittsburgh ever knew. The iron mill has started on its journey to the old-curiosity shop, on its journey to the old-curiosity shop. The electric railway has left school and is going to work to earn a living. The power of the Demon Cholera has been boldly challenged, if not yet destroyed, and the whole world is watching to-day to see whether hydrophobia has found its master. Steel making by a new process threatens another revolution such as marks Bessemer a name to conjure with, and the latest bonanza in Colorado waits for the workmen to disclose whether it is destined to affect the currency of the nations. Scores of such changes, each in its way altering the conditions of life for all mankind, are just within or without the threshold, and so each year creates for us how much, our children perhaps will be able to judge. We can only see that there is change everywhere, and progress everywhere, and that,

Through the confusion of the old we can discern the vision of the new.

It is the especial character of this new world that its revolutions tend to improve the conditions of life for the millions who labor. It is far away, that bygone day in which the triumphs of science were for the amusement, the profit or the ambition of monarchs. So much all realize the world over. Things good are judged good because they help the people, and the easy philosopher's stone which science now seeks is that which may lengthen the days or enlarge the ease of all mankind. But some fail to see that the day has also gone by in which the results of science were for the enrichment of a few capitalists. Resources have so accumulated, and capital for new undertakings so abounds, and the prevailing rate of interest is so reduced and held down by competition to two, that capital, that is no longer a question whether capital shall get more than its fair share in the long run, but the question is whether it can get enough to keep it from stagnation. Invention is making monopolies impossible, and discoveries to make capital a slave.

Another characteristic of this latest world in which we now live is that mankind begins to understand that Cain was foolish when he asked "Am I my brother's keeper?" Every one of us must perforce look out for the welfare of each and every brother man or we shall fail in trying to look out for our own. It is not an easy lesson to learn, but there are clear signs that the world is beginning to learn it in earnest. The study of social problems is discussed by many learned men and newspapers, and the most profitably where there is the least talk about it and the least fanaticism. If such a year brings us nearer the day when a true Christian socialism shall shape and guide all progress we shall have about cause enough to reverently thank the giver for every New Year. New York *Tribune*.

MILLIONS now suffered almost utterly in these times without a clear understanding of the circumstance were perpetuated by the organization left by Cornelius Vanderbilt, the elder of the name. Vanderbilt left to his son William H. Vanderbilt 65,000,000 dollars. A Chicago preacher helps one to realize the magnitude of such fortunes by figuring out that if Cornelius Vanderbilt had been born at the beginning of the Christian era and had saved $25 every year since he would not yet have made up his fortune of 65,000,000, and that if William H. Vanderbilt had been a contemporary of Adam and had saved at the rate of $25 per annum he would still have been far short of his $200,000,000 at the time of his death, and still have had to toil and save for 2,115 years in the future before amassing his fortune of $200,000,000. That calculation is based on the usual chronology. Without such exaggerations as these, it is difficult to give one a measure, or a proper conception of such enormous sums.

EAST SMETHPORT ITEMS.

Mr. Wilbur Acre lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Mr. Daniel Acre was a little aboard with his Christmas present a bouncing boy baby.

The train was unable to proceed further than Dishon Tues day morning on account of high water.

The water was higher the first of the week than it has been for several years. All the wood from Bailie Mills and a number pile of J. G. Strong's was carried down stream. The road was almost impassible Tuesday morning.

NEMO.

East Smethport Jan 6, 1886.

TURTLE POINT.

Mr. Wells Tait is visiting friends in central N. Y.

Miss Hattie Foote is visiting her sister Mrs. Nattie Holcomb.

The Rev J M Leach has returned from the district conference.

Mr. Loyd Wrensky has been busy for the last few days getting out logs and timber for the oil rig.

Frederick Gillett who has been visiting his brother A. M. Gillett has returned to his home in Geneva, Pa.

A very enjoyable affair in the nature of a surprise party, was held at the residence of Rev. Amer Read on the evening of the 15th ult.

Nathan Taylor is making it lively for the foxes. We hear he has killed a half a dozen. Think it a large story but it may be true.

The new and enterprising firm of Cooper & Stone'catter are doing a fair business selling goods but would do better if they would advertise their business.

Landlord Appleby has removed his family from the Taylor House at Turtle Point and will occupy the building vacated by A. Reed. We understand a Mr. Mix will refit the hotel and give entertainment to man and beast for the coming year.

Several of the good people of Annin Creek, deceived by the false statement of your romantic correspondent, attended church on Sunday. It done them no harm, but they expected quarterly meeting and the presiding elder, and of course were disappointed. Let me say to those that quarterly meetings are held once in three months and not every two weeks.

Mr. Joseph Merrick is still suffering from rheumatism or neuralgia of the heart and grave doubts are entertained of his recovery. M.

Turtle Point, Dec, 26, 1885.

"Oh! Cast that Shadow from thy Brow."

Don't! don't do it if you have liver complaint or dyspepsia. The darkened countenance tells the story of inward commotion. Clear your stomach, [illegible] regulate your liver, and [illegible] will [illegible]

OUR BRADFORD BUDGET.

Company "C" propose to give a grand military ball on the 22d of February, the members of which will attend in uniform.

Everybody seems to be afraid of the oil market just now. They seem to think it is going to make a big break either up or down, but which way is what is keeping the speculators guessing. From late reports from Kane it would seem that it was on the verge of going up. It is now quoted at 90 cents a barrel.

The correspondent of the Buffalo *World* is making himself obnoxious to reporters by people in this city and if his identity is discovered he will probably be the recipient of numerous favors in the way of blows, etc., from those whom he has been writing up. The mayor would do right in prohibiting the sale of such a paper in the city.

Only one outrage occurred in any way to disturb the tranquility of the city, and that was the cutting of a woman in a house of ill fame on Chestnut street. She was about starting for Smethport to visit friends, but before she could get away the cutting occurred. It is said that [illegible] Cain was foolish when he asked "Am I my brother's keeper?" Every one of us must perforce look out for the welfare of each and every brother man or we shall fail in trying to look out for our own. It is not an easy lesson to learn, but there are clear signs that the world is beginning to learn it in earnest. The study of social problems is discussed by many learned men and newspapers, and the most profitably where there is the least talk about it and the least fanaticism. If such a year brings us nearer the day when a true Christian socialism shall shape and guide all progress we shall have about cause enough to reverently thank the giver for every New Year. New York *Tribune*.

[illegible] applications for post office are looking forward with great anticipation to the 1st February when Postmaster [illegible] will retire and [illegible] Democratic Sunday paper [illegible] Democratic Sunday paper [illegible] that [illegible] W. Davis and Robert [illegible] are going to Idaho to look [illegible] are going to locate the permit that privilege with strike them. Davis and Hall is the respective candidates for the [illegible] Hall is now [illegible] heavily on them.

After all that has been said and done of the Standard Oil company it is returning to [illegible] good words of such an import [illegible] a correspondent. Your reporter [illegible] classes of people in this city [illegible] the Standard [illegible] The Standard [illegible] The Standard [illegible] The

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"	Scribner's	Monthly	3 00
"	St. Nicholas		3 25
"	Century	Magazine	4 00
"	Wide	Awake	2 50
"	Demorest's	Monthly	1 50
"	American	Farmer	1 50

PERSONAL.

—It is needless for Time means to press a newspaper subscription as he is a weekly paper subscription of his own. Next to have stopped some of the personal departments for commencement with [illegible] pertaining to it. I have learned to pay strictly subscriptions, and this week close for me. Those dues that have accumulated with me [illegible] way to the public debtors of the Mirror to me as a personal favor of my services, and I am sure he will comply with this request. I am about to [illegible] and will soon be found [illegible] with parties who are indebted to me for [illegible] and will greatly favor me by calling and settling. Respectfully, L. Rogers

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

Enter upon thy path, O Year!
For years, with all who before attempted, [illegible]
With a blind [illegible] to [illegible],
Only to perish in the end.
Beyond thy labyrinthine gloom
What [illegible] what [illegible] what is not want,
Follows thy perilous fate.
Ah! [illegible] thy path.
Sir Ivy Cromwell. The First Day of the Year

THEIR WISH WAS REALIZED SOON

[illegible] no more for [illegible]
[illegible] in cold [illegible] when it was
For [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Chilled all the [illegible] hearts [illegible].
It is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]—
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
—Boston Courier

Rise up and be satisfied, Rowlands, his thumbs
Have left off the winter weather,
And let your wife [illegible] [illegible] nobody comes
To [illegible] together.
Rise up while the pipe smoke flowing
Shows soon they'll be stopped or close [illegible]
And [illegible] will [illegible] way
The wealth gather for which he has [illegible]
—Boston Courier

—The fun-lovers are wearing long faces now.

—The Erie depot at Lumbaire is nearly completed.

—The [illegible] are only a Commenced to [illegible] the freezing point.

—The Democrats of Wood recognized Mossman. The ante will close to good

—Many more prizes are now run regarding the Commencement. Valley [illegible]

—The [illegible] and Inverness [illegible] having hard luck [illegible]

—Dr. Shrimp has received the appointment of [illegible] by the commissioners for 1886.

—Last Sunday was one of the most disagreeable days this [illegible] climate, Norwich.

—Smethport can boast of three of as pretty [illegible] as can be found anywhere.

—The new [illegible] [illegible] the most [illegible] in Smethport, in that the day was [illegible] lovely one

—What is the Mt. Jewett county members [illegible] the new marriage law in this [illegible] again.

—This is the Week of Prayer. Our [illegible] are observing it by holding [illegible] every evening.

—Cold out a remarkably for the month of [illegible] was very low. Only four [illegible] recorded for that month

—Some of the hard boys [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] hands on New [illegible] they [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] a target off a certain young [illegible] hat

—Rev. Mr. Vance of Bradford has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian [illegible] here to take effect on the 1st of April.

—The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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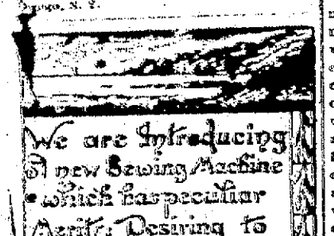

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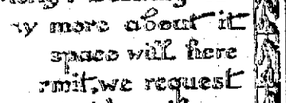

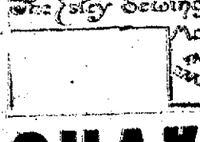

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